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Question L-144: Who will pay for the procurement of [Standard Waste Box] SWBs and [Removable Lid Canister] RLCs for WIPP?

Answer: Reference Section L, Attachment L-4, Representative Sample Task, Section 4.4, 1st paragraph. Section 4.4 states "The Contractor shall perform services including, but not limited to,... waste management including offsite disposition of remaining sources, disposal of all low-level radioactive waste (LLW), mixed low-level radioactive and hazardous waste (MLLW), hazardous waste, and clean industrial or sanitary wastes; all activities required to support disposal of transuranic wastes to the DOE Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility;...". The offeror is responsible for the procurement of Standard Waste Boxes and Removable Lid Canisters and the costs associated with such.

Question L-145: Does the available data set (the data set in the RFP and any other data) demonstrate that constituents other than posted in the RFP are not above soil and groundwater standards?

Answer: Offerors should assume that only those constituents provided in the solicitation (and as indicated in questions and answers) are above soil and groundwater standards.

Question L-146: What is the primary horizontal direction of groundwater flow in the glacial drift sequence?

Answer: Reference Section L, Attachment L-4, Representative Sample Task, Section 3, Number 1, 2nd paragraph. Section 3 states "The glacial drift sequence is predominantly fine-grained clayey material but also contains sandy, gravelly or silty interbeds that may contain groundwater. Some of these layers are interconnected and provide a path for groundwater migration, while others are isolated and have limited potential for movement.... The uppermost layers of the dolomite bedrock are known to be weathered in the vicinity of the site. Groundwater flow in this aquifer is primarily south to southeastward." Offerors should assume that horizontal flow in the glacial drift sequence is random or non-existent based on interconnections between layers.